EXPLOSIONS ROCK ARMY BEEF HOUSE

Much Excitement but Small Damage in Refrigerating Plant.

GAS SQUAD IN ACTION

Ammonia Fumes Play Havoc With Noses-Firemen Injured.

Two explosions in the big new plant of the Merchants Refrigerating Company, at West Sixteenth street and Eleventh avenue, full of beef and eggs for Pershing's men, did small money damage last night, but gave the Fir-Department a hard battle and injured fourteen firemen.

The first explosion in the \$3,000,000 plant was in the basement and was so strong it blew out all the window on the Eleventh avenue side. That wa at 7 o'clock, and just five minutes afterward, when Smoky Joe Martin ordered

the rescue squad to don masks and charge, there came another.

That was some biff. It got behind a 300 pound steel door, one of the three big doors of the twelve story building, and kicked it right out toward the river a good 75 feet. The door just missed the heads of the firemen, but the glass that followed it from the lower windows that hadn't some out in the first push that hadn't gone out in the first push cut up fourteen of them severely. What worried Chief Martin most was that the odor—and it filled that section

of Chelsea Village in no time so that there were teary eyes from Ninth to the piers-came from a plant that was housing good Government sup-plies. On the ten top floors were freez-ing 2,000,000 pounds of beef and 200,000 cases of eggs intended very shortly for

One May Be Lost.

One man's life may have been sacrificed. James Vincent of Fresh Pond road, Ridgewood, Queens, an assistant engineer, was in the basement with William E. Bernd, the engineer, and two others, when the first explosion took piace. Engineer Bernd did not hesitate about leaving, and the others followed him on a run. They gained the street safely, but Vincent did not appear. There was one other exit and there is some belief that he may have account. bellef that he may have escaped The new refrigerating plant was said y the architect to be the largest in the world. It was completed twenty days ago and part of the plant was immediately taken over by the Government.

Truck 12 and Engine 34 came speeding out on the first alarm. The location of the fire caused the rescue squad and Smoky Joe to follow after. The firemen had just connected up their lines and were getting ready to force an en-

Everybody stepped back after that then came the second and Smoky himself ducked as the ponderous or went sailing out toward the river. It sailed in the general direction of a pier, where a bunch of soldiers happened to be lolling about. Just as if they scented a Hun attack they made a rush for the building, promptly cleared the streets of bystanders and put up an effective patrol, meantime holding their

The property damage was placed at else," he added.

After the second blast the rescue squad opened helmets to look around expectantly. Nothing followed, and a few minutes later they clapped them on again and sortled in. They found a very small blaze and a whole basement choked with fumes. The fire was promptly sprayed out of existence. No suspicion of plot attaches to the might have been ignited at the dynamo Mrs. Ray Morris, chairman of the women's committee. It will cooperate with and conform to the standard of the that the fire didn't require further in-

men who were injured were Lieut Benjamin F. Parker, John C. Connors, Frank C. Clark, Capt. John Kirwin and Hugh Bonner: Joseph Barry, Stephen Hannon, Edward Barry, Ernest Allen and Edward Casson of Truck 12; Lieut. George McAvoy of Engine 34, Fireman John Benson, Fred Schnei-der of Engine 19; Truckman Wagenen of Truck 18 and Chief Joseph Dooley of the Sixth Battalion. Jerry O'Connor, a soldier, who lives at 529 West Twentieth street, and two policemen were also ind slightly. he beef will be moved to-day to an-

other refrigerating plant.

SUSPENDS 12 FELLOWSHIPS.

Columbia Adopts This As Form of Retrenchment. Columbia University will not award its

burget. This will be one of the many forms of curtailment during the war to partially make up for the depletion in revenue. The awards of the endowed fellowships, however, have been an-famine, cold and sickness. More than a famine, cold and sickness. More than a famine, cold and sickness.

The Grenville Garth fellowship in po-litical economy, representing the annual income on \$16,250, has been awarded to in Turkey unless he embraces Islamism Clara Stelle Mortenson of Santa Rosa The Alexander Moncrief Proudfi fellowship in letters for the encourage-ment of English literature, has been given to Louis Bliss Gillet of Brooklyn.

Pa. : the two Gilder fellowships, to Alex the Anthony Goldschmidt fellowship in chemistry, to Mary Louise Landon of Bordentown, N. J., and the Coolidge felowship, to Lee Hollister Ferguson of Delaware, Ohio.

5 BOYS HELD FOR 6 ROBBERIES

Police Regard One 17-year-old as Ringlender of Band.

Sam Light, 17, of 865 Home street

x, was held for the Grand Jury \$3,000 ball by Magistrate Sims in orrisania Court yesterday after he had told of a burglary in the apartmen f Nathan Berger, 1496 Longfellow venue, on the afternoon of April 29 fis ball was increased because Light said he had operated with four other boys, all under 16. The police regard Light as the ringleader. The four were

BACH SWITCHES TO BURTON.

German Born Man Says He's Loyal to U. S. and Drope Old Name.

Theodore David Bach of Forest Park, Larchmont, obtained from County Judge Young in White Plains yesterday permission to change his name to Theodore David Burton. For a number of years he was private secretary to Nathan Siraus of New York.

He was born in Germany in 1887, went to England when 17 and came later to the United States, where he was naturalized November 5, 1914. Mr. Strausent him to Heldelberg, Germany, in 1909 to take charge of one of his milk stations. He says he is in full sympathy with the United States and our allies and has been embarrassed during the war by his name.

Burton married Miss Mary Rose of New York, an American girl, and they have three children.

ATTORNEYS IN TILT

Assistant Prosecutor Accuses Traction Representatives of Bad Faith.

A lively tilt between Alfred J. Talley.

Assistant District Attorney, and Albert
T. Davison, attorney for the Union Railway Company, marked yesterday's investigation into the trolley accident at

the start of the process of the pier for \$8,400, whereas we have been getting only \$7,714 for the entire pier in wharfage charges, which have to be collected
by a salaried dockmaster. The steam-A lively tilt between Alfred J. Talley.

in assisting the investigation, and during the examination threatened to "lock up" move to rescind the approval of the lease an employee who under advice of the because the report of the compan-company's attorney had refused to answer questions.

Both Mr. Maher and Mr. McWhirter admitted that an examination of the car after the accident showed that a brake pin had been lost. This pin they deleared was essential to bring the car to

a stop.

Evidence that the car was in good working condition at the beginning of its trip was given by two trolley company employees. From the records of the company Mr. of repair sixteen times since last Oc-

attorney for the railway company in impeding the investigation, District Attorney Swann said that had been the at-titude of street railway companies here-

"The attorneys for the traction interest always act as if the law did not ap-

clinics of the Maternity Centre Associa-

The need for such a clinic in the Bowling Green district has been felt for there by the New York milk commit tee in 1914. The work last year was turned over to the Bowling Green Neigh-borhood Association. During the first year only 120 cases were cared for, but in each of the following years there was an appreciable increase, until last year's figures had risen to 253.

TURKS ENSLAVE GREEKS

Prisoners Tell of Outrages Com mitted-Thousands Die.

Washington, May 11.—Systematic efforts by the Turks to destroy Hellen-ism in Turkey are reported to the Greek legation here in despatches from Athens. Turkish prisoners arriving at Salonica, the despatches say, declare columbia University will not award its twelve annual university fellowships this Greek civilization in Turkey has reyear because of the large deficit in the burget. This will be one of the many forms of curtailment during the war to Since the end of 1817 more than The Schiff fellowship in political science, awarded by Jacob Schiff, with an annual value of \$600, has been granted to Dora Mill Raymond of Austin, Tex.

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in Turkey unless he embraces Islamism

Musicians to Perege Vacations. Walter Damrosch announced yesterday given to Louis Bliss Gillet of Brooklyn.
This is the yearly income on a fund of \$13.875.
Other awards have been made as follows: The Carl Schurz fellowship for the study of German language and literature, to Luther Baldwin of Lewisburg.
Pa.: the two Gilder fellowships, to Alexibose who have volunteered are Missioner who have volunteered are missionered who have the missionered who have volunteered are missionered who have volunteered are missionered who have the missionered who have volunteered are missionered who have been made as follows and the missionered who have the missionered who have been made as follows are missionered who have the those who have volunteered are Miss Ethel Leginska, Mischa Levitski, Carlos Salsedo, Miss Lorraine Wyman, Rudolph Gans, Miss Marcia Van Dresser, John Powell, Tom Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rogers and the Flonsaley Quartette. Mrs. George Montgomery Tuttle is chairman of the committee arranging

> 2 Subway Caveta Bodies Found. The bodies of two of the three men who were buried Wednesday night in the subway cavein on Flatbush avenuthe subway cavein on Flatbush avenue near Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, were recovered last night by searchers. The men were Richard Benton, 40, a fore-man, of 284 Fourth street, Jersey City, and Robert Palmer, colored, 37, of 203 West Thirtleth street, Manhattan.

Grade Croming Order Observed. Reports compiled for the Public Ser-Light as the ringleader. The four were remanded in Children's court for a hearing Tuesday. They are Isidore Lipshitz, 901 East 172d street; Louis Gross, 1082 Southern Boulevard, Jacbb Gross, 1082 Southern Boulevard, and Louis Notelbery, 1341 Southern Boulevard, and Louis Five other burglaries are said to have been committed by the boys. The arrest was made through the pawning of a gold watch in a shop on Third avenue. vice Commission show that its orde

ISEES PORT PLANS HAMPERED BY CRAIG

Hulbert Says Uncontrollable Comptroller Is Injuring Dock Development.

Fifth Street.

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Commissioner Hulbert was incensed yesterday over what he considered the attempt of Comptroller Craig to put him in a false light in the matter of the lease of part of the pier at East Fifth street to the Pawtucket and New York Transportation Company. He asserted the Comptroller was holding up his efforts to develop the commerce of the port of New York and to get a proper rental for its piers.

"I considered that the proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company of the Six Brown Brothers and the proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company is a forward to get a proper said the Dock Commissioner." "This company is a forward to get a proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company is a forward to get a proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company is a forward to get a proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company is a forward to get a proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company is a forward by the Brown Brothers also and the proposed bargain was a perfectly good one," said the Dock Commissioner. "This company is a forward by the dront in the middle of the excitement in the guestion of the Six Brown Brothers also and the company. This company is a forward by the guestion of the Six Brown Brothers and the evidentity best and and was angious to make a regular speech, so he turned to Mr. Stone and said, "No is the evidentity best and the was angious to make a regular speech, so he turned to Mr. Stone and said, "No is the evidentity best and the was interinged by we was angious to make a regular speech, so he turned to Mr. Stone and said, "No is the mattine performance was angious to make a regular speech, so he turned to Mr. Stone and said, "No is the mattine performance was angious to make a regular speech, so he turned to Mr. Stone and said, "No is

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Thursday, in which one man was killed and twenty-six persons were injured.

Mr. Talley accused the officials of the rallway company with lack of good faith

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Then we would have the remaining inner 254 feet of the pier, from which I figure we could get as much in wharfage as the entire pier now brings.

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The accusation of bad faith was made during the examination of the officials of the company by Mr. Talley and Jacob Goldstein and Isidor Niner, Assistant District Attorneys.

Erward A. Maher, Jr., vice-president panies not to disclose their backers at the image of Jacob Goldstein and Isidor Shand, Jacob Goldstein and Isidor Shand Reverse A. Maher, Jr., vice-president and general manager of the trolley company; John S. McWhirter, general superpany; John S. McWhirter, general superpan and general manager of the trolley company; John S. McWhirter, general super-intendent, and B. W. Reynolds, division superintendent, appeared in response to subpenas issued by the District Attornew, who is conducting the inquiry with a view to determining whether the accident was the result of criminal negligence. It is the avowed intention of District Attorney Swann to present the a view to determining whether the accident was the result of criminal negligence. It is the avowed intention of District Attorney Swann to present the evidence to the Grand Jury should it develop that the company officials were guilty to permitting the use of a trolley fact which they knew to be out of repair.

Both Mr. Maher and Mr. McWhirter

Comptroller was holding up other propo-sitions that had been presented to him. "One trouble," he said, "is that the Comptroller tries to do it all himself and his desk is getting so clogged up that some things won't get off until it is too late for them to be of any value. 1

that the city would be fully protected."

The Commissioner is opposed to putting up plers at public auction because them for profiteering.
"I believe that when the State granted

I am going to tell you, something for which I shall probably be criticised by Comptroller Craig and others, but I "Accept my congratulations at the conduct the specialized work." ion't care; I am right. I am going to don't care; I am right. I am going to lease to the French line for three years standard for health conditions in New Pier 84, at the foot of West Forty-fourth Street, for \$1,000 a week. I could probably get more than twice that sum for ably get more than twice that sum for course standard for health conditions in New Pier 84, at the foot of West Forty-fourth The second letter was from First this country, involving shipments of this country, involving shipments of this country, involving shipments of the said his thing to do with Dr. Kramer's appoint country. In the said his country, in the said his thing to do with Dr. Kramer's appoint country.

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The charges against Dr. Lucius P. Brown of the bureau of food and drugs. mer said have always been \$100 a day for berthing ships and \$50 a day for have not yet been formulated

freight on the dock. Through their attorneys, the Hudson Dock and Terminal Corporation yester-day filed a lis pendens against Pier 69, North River, which was to have been leased to them for \$25,000 a year. This is in connection with their suit against the city for specific performance.

TREATED FINE, SAYS AMERICAN PRISONER FOE KILLS PASSAIC

Friends Suspect Letter Was Written Under Compulsion.

Special Despatch to THE BUN HARTFORD, Conn., May 11.—Writing what some of his friends suspect may have been a compulsory optimistic letter, Sergeant John Sheehan of Company ter. Sergeant John Sheehan of Company F. 102d Infantry, the first American soldier to be captured by the Germans, sends a letter received by his mother to-day in which he says in part: "Dear Mother—This is the second time I have written you. I dropped a postcard about the 3d of March telling you that I was taken a prisoner on the night of February 28, with ten other men from my company. There were none wounded, that is, the ones who were captured. that is, the ones who were captured. I don't know whether any of the rest of my platoon were killed or wounded. platoon was out this night in front the front line trenches fixing wire and the Germans opened a barrage and caught us unawares.

caught us unawares.
"I am in the best of health and am being treated fine. When you write, let me know if you got my postcard or letter and how long it took to have them got to you. When you write be sure not to give any information. Have this published in the papers about my sure not to give any information. Have this published in the papers about my being captured so my friends will stop addressing letters to me in France and send them here instead. I won't say more only that we are having fine weather here, just like May weather at home. I have a fine job; no hard work. I am enjoy to try to go to church pays. I am going to try to go to church next Sunday, which is Easter Sunday. Be sure and copy this address right.

"Love to mother and all. Your loving "Address Sheehan, John, Sergt. 49002 Stramlager, Limburg, Germany. A. L."

STONE'S ANTICS AID GIRLS IN THRIFT STAMP SALES

Comedian "Stands on His Ear" at Sherry's While Gibson's Flying Squadron Gathers \$2,000 in Quarters.

INCENSED BY COLLEAGUE

Fred Stone is one of the busiest actors on the American stage. And this sometimes makes him a little absent minded. That's why, when some one Part of Pier at East

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The Globe last evening, he bit off a But evidently Billy Globen's ringleader the Globe last evening, he bit off a sangular speech.

Was interrupted again. Up to that time fired Stone and his manager had been hiding behind some pillars, but when the Savings Stamps were waved in the air Fred Stone couldn't resist. "I'll take 'em!" he shouted in stentorian tones. But evidently Billy Globen's ringleader the Globe last evening, he bit off a sangular speech.

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but before he had a chance to go much further his voice was drowned by the droning of the Six Brown Brothers playing their saxophones as they marched into the dining room, led by the little squeaky treble saxophonette and with the old "compah" saxophone acting as rearguard.

When at the centre of the room they stopped and started to "jass" to the best of their ability. And as they played the young ladies of Billy Gibson's Broadway Flying Squadron circulated among the guests, who were sipping their tea and—made them purchase War Savings. Stamps in ragtime. Now, if the Six Brown Brothers—as Al Herman would say, "Shhh, they're not brothers, at all"—were possessed with unlimited lung capacity there's no telling how much money Billy Gibson's young ladies could have collected. But even saxophone artists have to stop for breath.

So while they stopped and gasened for Squadron is one of the liveliest, butting So while they stopped and gasped for breath the ringleader tore in and started another speech. "Who'll buy \$1,000 took them only about a half an hour to worth of War Savings Stamps?" he clean up \$2,000 at Sherry's yesterday queried for a second time. But here he

GORGAS APPLAUDS NORWEGIANS WILL **COPELAND'S STAND**

Surgeon-General Praises De- Hannevig & Co. Acquire Jercision Not to Hamper Health Work Here.

The recent report that Washington Mayor Hylan's proposed curtailment of made yesterday by Christopher Hanne am about through trying to find companies to take these plers at advanced rentals if the Comptroller is going to question the bargain because the company happens to be a new one starting with a small capital, in spite of the fact that the city would be fully protected."

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The Commissioner is opposed to putting up piers at public auction because
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of the chance that interests would get
States Army. It was reported when the MacBride committee recommended the in aiding the Allies solve the shipping

"Accept my congratulations for your Schut stated endeavor to maistain the highest Czar.

ably get more than twice that sum for this pier at auction from a stevedore, who would use it for profiteering.

"The pier is now controlled by the United States Government, and it is at their suggestion that I am going to turn it over to the French line, because the line is engaged in war work and because it has turned over its piers in France to the state of the st ine is engaged in war word in France to ple letter calling your attention to the

our Government."

As an example of what he called profiteering, Commissioner Hulbert said he understood the Bristol City Line, which was paying the city \$5,000 a month now for Pier 69, was charging the French line \$200 a day for the use of one side of the pier—a rate of \$5,000 a month.

This charge holds whether a ship is letter calling your attention to the problem and the possible lines of cooperation was all that was necessary to set in motion the whole municipal machinery, health, police and courts. May I take this opportunity of congratulating you for the promptness with which this work has been put in operation?" the

keep cows they should make application to the department. Borough President Van Name wrote to ask him what the Health Department regulations were. Dr. Copeland said in isolated districts it would be permissible to keep cows if avorably after an investigation.

Friends to Enlist.

Stirred by the announcement that their friend Corporal Alexander Drelich had been killed in action, seven young Poles nlisted in Passaic yesterday to avenge the death of their comrade.

Corporal Drelich, whose name was mentioned in yesterday's causalty list. is the first Passalc man killed on the western front. At the outbreak of the war he joined the Eighteenth United States Infantry, telling his relends that he was going to fight in order that his dream of a free Poland might be real-

Corporal Drelich was a member of the Polish Sokol Falcons, an organization which has shown unusual patriotism. Out of its enrollment of about 200 mer bers there are less than a hundred left Those who have gone from the organization have either entered the United States service or have joined the Polish army organized in this country.

The Falcons will hold a mass meeting to-night in Maciag Hall. The meeting has been called by Michael Kobylarz to eulogize Corporal Drelich, their young rade, and to stimulate recruiting comrade, and to stimulate recruiting among the few remaining members.

"The death of Drelich," said Mr. Kobylarz yesterday, "has fired every young Pole in this city. Every one of them is anxious to avenge their friend."

Hudge of Plattsburg in Race. PLATTERURG, May 11 .- John E. Hudge a lawyer of this city, announced to-da his candidacy for the Democratic nom nation for Attorney-General .He is said

BUILD SHIPS HERE

sey Land for Erection of a Large Plant.

Brief announcement of the acquist was keeping a close eye on the New tion of land in New Jersey for one of York Health Department as a result of the largest shippards in the world was

preventive medicine and sanitation shall sul-General at Christiania, and Lieut. The sul-General at Christiania,

country, in the absence of the agree-ment, might have been forced to accept food from Germany, thus placing itself was a Tammany man. I learned of his under obligations to the Central Powers. om England, Norway is relieved from distress and embarrassment.

The return of the Russian diplomats excellent work was the subject of considerable specula. there has not b They are said to be strongly pro

MAN KILLED BY MOTOR CAR. Lafayetto Escadrillo Sergeant and

Another Driver Held for Hearing. Sergeant Austin Crehore, Westfield, N. J., a member of the Lafayette Escadrille on leave, was held for the death Dr. Copeland yesterday notified resi-dents of Richmond that if they want to terday. Sergeant Crehore was driving a notor car up Third avenue and was nearing Fifty-eighth street, when a truck approached from the opposite di-rection, driven by Charles Wassenback of 485 Columbus avenue. Albreen was struck first by Crehore's machine and hurled toward the other and both ma-

Sergeant Crehore started with Albree n the way. Dr. French of the hospital POLE IN FRANCE and death was due to shock. Wassenback was also held by the police. Ball was fixed at \$1,000 for hearing Monday in Yorkville court.

GIRL AT PLAY KILLED BY BUTCHER'S WAGON

Blind Newsdealer Run Down office a tentative agreement was reached with a representative of the Govern-

Anna Milligan, 4 years old, living in 131 West Ninetieth street, was killed last night by a delivery wagon belonging to Samuel Baumann, a butcher, of 647 patients at Otisville to the extent of 800 patients avenue. The child was playing with other children in front of her home, when she ran into the wagon. Anna Milligan, 4 years old, living in home, when she ran into the wagon, ments and construction to which was being driven at a walk. Her by the city of New York.

The boy, like Baker, had suffered no in-juries beyond a few bruises. Herman Cohen and Anna Starr, both of Manhattan, were injured slightly yes-terday when the automobile in which

of Manhattan, were minus terday when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a trolley car at Burf avenue and Eighteenth be rated as pergeants, class 4, for generate Coney Island. They were able to eral service. Application should be made at Room 616, Hall of Records, or at 24 East Twenty-third street. go home after being treated at the Co ney Island Hospital.

TAMMANYITE HEADS EDUCATION BOARD SEA VIEW HOSPITAL REPORTS TO MAYOR

Coler Names Dr. Geza Kramer President Somers Tells of to Be Medical Super-

intendent.

vice Law Ignored.

Commissioner Bird S Coler of the Department of Charities, has appointed Dr. Geza Kramer, a life long member of Tammany Hall and affiliated with Jimmie Hagan's club in the new Seventh Assembly district, medical superintendent of Sea View Hospital on Staten Island. He takes the place of William B. Buck, who was made director by former that has been made with building plans Commissioner John A. Kingsbury, and istration on charges, which were declared filmsy by the Citizens Union. Although Dr. Kramer has been serving

as head of this large tuberculosis hospital since January 30, no announcement of the appointment was made. Possibly this may have been because the post is a Civil Service one and Dr. Kramer is serving under a temporary appointment. The title of the place has been changed from director to medical superintendent, for which no eligible list exists. Under mission, no appointee may fill a place in the competitive class longer than thirty days, under an emergency ap-pointment, and for four months there-after pending an examination for the es-

Sought to Have Post Exempted. At first Commissioner Coler tried to get the Civil Service Commission to put the position in the exempt class on the ground that Dr. Kramer had such exceptional and unusual qualifications for the position that he should not be sub-jected to an examination. But the Com-mission finally decided it could not go that far.

mission finally decided it could not go that far.

Although nearly four months have passed since the selection of Dr. Kramer, the Civil Bervice Commission has been taking its time in preparing for an examination. Before The Sun started an investigation, all that had been done was to "make studies" of the position. It was stated vestereday that was to "make studies" of the position. It was stated yesterday that the commission on Wednesday probably would pass upon the form of advertisement. Ordinarily it takes a minimum of about ten weeks for the establishment of an eligible list after the first insertion of the advertisement. the advertisement, which must run for three weeks. There must be an experie rating, a rating of the written pe pers and after that an oral examination. So under ordinary circumstances it would be August 1 before an eligible list could be promulgated. But under the law Dr. Kramer may not serve as a temporary appointee after June 15. It may be that some special dispensation will be a in order to keep the superintendent in

negotiations entered into with the War Department are successful. Sea View Hospital will be turned over to the est the patrol, meantime holding their ies.

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Announcement is made by Dr. Miner the second blaze and a whole basement ked with fumes. The from a war the commerce as a whole and a whole basement with an additional 1 per cent. return on its investment, with an additional 1 per cent. The plant engineer gave a number. The plant engineer gave a number prossible causes. The escaping gas the powers are number possible causes. The escaping gas the committee resommented the discontinuance of the health education, will do much to offset the size of the charks a sirry pooled for the Allies solve the shipping problem. Mr. Hannevig thinks. They will carry goods for the Allies and in the discontinuance of the least surfly to them but did apply to everybody the committee recommended the discontinuance of the least surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies and in the discontinuance of the least surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies and the will carry goods for the Allies and in the discontinuance of the clark surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies and in the discontinuance of the clark surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies of the child scontinuance of the clark surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies and in the discontinuance of the clark surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies of the child scontinuance of the clark surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies of the child scontinuance of the clark surfly. Will carry goods for the Allies of th ederal Government for a base hor

Didn't Know He Was Tiger's Man Asked whether the fact he was a

'This is the first I ever heard that he ability by being associated with him in January when I was examining Sea View. I consider him exceptionally View. I consider him exceptionally fitted for the post. He has done most excellent work. Since he took hold there has not been a single complaint, and he has been able to cut down the expenses of maintenance by about \$30.

ess I say about Mr. Buck the better. He was not a doctor. as I am Commissioner of Charities man shall have charge of a hospital who is not a doctor. Furthermore, I wish to say that politics will have no place in this department." Dr. Kramer's home is 233 West Eighty-third street. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Sur-

geons in 1894 and on March 16, 1897 became connected with the Health De-partment. For five years he was an inspector of the New York State Hospital for Incipient Tuberculosis at Ray Brook. In 1917 he received a commission as Captain in the United States Medical Reserve Corps. He was appointed head of a Federal tuberculosis board and was in active service until November, when the first draft was completed, both at Camp Meade, Maryland, and Camp Dr. Kramer still holds his commission and wears his uniform, but as he ex-plained yesterday he is on the inactive list and now is drawing no pay from

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Surgeon-General

city's doctors. Will Expend \$480,000.

Government.

ment for taking over Sea View. It was agreed that the War Department would

ments and construction to be app

skull was fractured.

John Baker, a blind newsdealer, who has a stand at Columbus avenue and Sixty-sixth street, was knocked down in Broadway, near his newsstand, yester-the plans of the city of New York, and day by an automobile driven by Charles

Price, employed at the Packard automobile factory in Long Island City. Price to the city the difference between what took Baker to Roosevelt Hospital, where it will cost to transport patients to and from Otiaville. It is understood that from Otiaville. It is understood that the Government's occupancy of Sea View the Government's occupancy of Sea View About the same time that Price brought Baker to the hospital, William R. Kip of \$50 Park avenue arrived with John Curry, 9 years old, whom he had knocked over in West Sixty-first street.

> Marines Need Six Chiropodists. The latest call from the recruiting di-

Work Done in Last Four Months.

Plans for Buildings.

President Arthur S. Somers of the

Board of Education filed with Mayor Hylan yesterday a report on its first four months' activities. He emphasises the speed with which the operation of the Gary system was stopped in thirtythree of the thirty-five schools in which it was in operation, the rapid progress to relieve congestion in school houses who was dismissed by the Hylan admin- and the large sums raised by teachers and pupils for war causes. Mr. Somers said of the Gary system:

"When we organised in January there were thirty-five schools operating under the Gary plan, with provisions for extending it into seventy-one other schools and in ten additions. This extension work was immediately stopped and the funds available for altering the buildings will be used to improve those buildings for regular school work without any reference whatsover to the Gary plan. "The hoard of superintendents was re-

chools operating under the Gary plan, and in a recent report received from Su-perintendent Meleney we are advised that programmes have been changed by eliminating the objectionable features from all schools except Public School 45, The Bronx, and Public School 89, Brooklyn. An addition to the former building is nearing completion, and it would be inadvisable to disturb the organization of the school until this addition is com-plete. Even in Public School \$9 many changes have been made, and a further study is being made of that school by the superintendent in charge.

Changes in School Work. "The chief changes to which attention

may be called are:
"The duplicate programme has been eliminated almost completely from the lower grades. Specialization or depart-mental teaching (the teaching of a single subject by a special teacher) has also been largely eliminated for these children, and teachers now generally have their classes for academic work.

"Long auditorium periods for little children have been eliminated, and wherever possible all auditorium exercises for these children except for assembly purposes have been abandoned.

"Shop work, cooking, sewing and elements and elements are littled in the life." mentary science are limited to the older

"The board of superintendents recorded its disapproval of departmental work throughout the eight years, declar-ing its belief that the pupils of the first four years should have their own teacher continuously for all academic work, s as to insure proper guidance.
"You may be assured that considera-tion for the children in the first four years of school, the years in which the majority of children are under instruc-

tion, constitutes our chief concern."

Buildings to Cost \$3,000,000. The building programme, although been approved for five new buildings, additions to four buildings and altera-tions to twenty others. He notified the tions to twenty others. He notified the Mayor of the standard type of building adopted some time ago as a money saver and designed to provide ample play-ground space on the property or in the building. Public School 93. Queens, was taken as a model. Mr. Somers

was ordered by the old Board of Educa-"The new standard plan," said Mr Somers, "adds a playground for kinder-garteners upon the roof of the audi-torium at about the second floor level and a roof playground over the entire building. The board recognizes the need for play space and not having va-cant land where children may be permitted to play we realize that the next best thing is to provide under condi-tions that are absolutely safe as much playground space as possible in and about the buildings. We feel quite sure this decision will appeal to your

"Gymnasiums and shops are amply tacular charge over the top and "auto matic Huns" will spring up cliterally planned for a single session school, they may if congestion requires be used under a double session plan.

Increases of Salaries.

The report also dealt with increases of salaries for teachers necessitated the resignation of many instructors enter Government or mercantile work at higher pay. Schedules will be sub-mitted soon to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. In speaking of the war work done by the schools Mr. Somers called attention to the board's decision to lend its build-

ings to the training and housing of drafted men from July to the end of August in cooperation with a Government bureau. In the last Liberty Loan drive \$56,000,000 in subscriptio secured by teachers and pupils. For the unpension ed French wounded the gave \$16,121.93. More than 160.000 nents have been made for the Red change in the office of City Superin-

"The position left vacant by Dr. Will-lam H. Maxwell has recently been filled by the election of Dr. William L. Et-tinger," he said. "Dr Ettinger has served in the public school system of this city in every position from the bottom up. He brings to his new tion a ripened experience that will invaluable aid in assisting the board with its labors."

AMEN CORNER DINES SMITH.

Tom" of Tammany Hall Rossted to a Turn at the Waldorf.

To compensate him partly for his disappointment that the Amen Corner was appointment that the Amen Corner was twice, trying suicide, and another turnate inable to give its annual dinner last were removed to Dannemora State Homelinter because of the war the Brethren pital for the Insane. A few days are of the Corner gave a private spread to Thomas F. Smith, their president, at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. In Washington he is Representative Smith, but to them he is "Tom." The genial secretary of Tammany Hall was blushing most of the evening. As for a few roasts that were slipped over on him "Tom"

The directors present were Louis Sel-Edward G. Riggs, Charles Steckler, W. Axel Warn and Charles T. White.

The Sun Calendar

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York, showers today or to-night and probably to-morrow; moderate east and southeast winds, increasing somewhat to-night. For New Jersey, showers to-day and probably to-morrow; moderate south winds, increasing somewhat to-night. For northern New England, fair to-day; showers to-morrow; moderate winds becoming southeast.

For southern New England, increasing cloudiness to-day; showers at night orto-morrow; moderate winds, mostly south For western New York, cloudy to-day probably showers; showers to-morrow.

washington, May 11.—Another disturbance from the far West is over control texas to-night and the precipitation area resulting therefrom extends from the Toxas Panhandle and Oklahoma east northeasward through the Ohio Valley and Tennessee. There were also rains and anows to the northward and northeastward through Colorado and northern New Mexico, One other disturbance over northern Minnesota was attefded by local showers in its immediate vicinity. The disturbance of earlier days in the week has passed into the north Atlantic and the showers in the Atlantic States ended Friday night.

Temperatures are quite high in the South, but elsewhere they are below the seasonal average as a rule, decidedly so in Colorado and the Southwest.

Showers will be quite general Sunday east of the Missinsipple River, except in New England, where there will be showers Sunday night or Monday. In the uppeliake region, the lower Ohio Valley, western Tennesses and the cast Gulf States its weather will be generally fair Monday, while to the eastward showers will continue. It will be somewally fair Monday, while to the Atlantic States and cooler Monday in the interior South.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORTS Barometer 8 A. M.
29 98
Humidity 70
Wind—direction N. W. ... Clear Partly cloudy The temperature in this city yesterdar as recorded by the official thermometer, shown in the annexed table: Highest temperature, 68, at 5:20 P. M. Lowest temperature, 47, at 7 A. M. Average temperature, 58.

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Observations resterday by the United States Weather Bureau stations showing atmospheric conditions in the various cities:

Temperature Valoc-High Low. Wind. ity. Rain. Wither. Atlantic City. 60 62 8. 6. 40 Clear Eastmort. 60 N. Light. 50 Clear Boston. 85 R. E. 12 Clenr Jacksonvill. 88 68 S. E. 14 Picker Chicago. 63 42 N.E. Light. Cloudy St. Louis. 60 62 S. E. 8. 1.05 Rain Minneapolis. 62 W. Light. Clear Denver. 40 40 N.W. Light. 58 Clear Denver. 40 40 N.W. Light. 58 Clear Charleston. 86 70 8. 10 Picker Charleston. 86 70 8. 10 Picker Norfolks. 74 S. E. 11 Clear MINIATURE ALMANAC

LOW WATER THIS DAY. Sandy Hook. . 3:39 A M Gov Island . 4:32 A M Hell Gate 6:34 A M Note—The foregoing table has been corrected to conform to the new "artificial time."

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Bandy Hook 9:56 A. M. Gov. Island 19:21 A. S. Hell Gate 12:00 A. M.

This is Mother's day.

Business meeting of the Young Men's and Women's Social Service Auxiliary of the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charties. Sonia Hall. Brooklyn, 2 P. M.

Sightseeing bus trips for soldiers and saliers leave 49 West Twenty-seventh street at 19:39 A. M.

Sightseeing bus trips for soldiers and saliers' vaudeville show. Astor Theatre, 2 P. M., vaudeville entertainment, Playhouse, 3 P. M.

Rev. Dr. Merle St. Croix Wright all speak on "Nietszche and World Anarchy." P. S. 34 Gienmore and Stone avenues. Brooklyn, 3 P. M.

Memorial and patriotic meeting of the Sons of Veterans and Women's Auxiliaries at the Soldiers and Saliers Monument, Riverside Drive and Eighty-ninth airest, 2:30 P. M.

Dedication exercises at the contract.

Riverside Drive and Eighty-ninth street, 2:30 P. M.
Dedication exercises at the new synagogue of Congregation B'nai Jeshuran. 237
West Eighty-eighth sreet, 7:45 P. M.
The Rev. Dr. Saillens of Paris will speak at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, corner Thirty-first street, at 11 A. M.

RED CROSS SHOW AT FORT. 'Over the Top' Charge to B Staged by Coast Artillerymen.

Metropolitan Opera singers, cinema

society and soldiers will cooperate Fort Hamilton next Friday from 2 30 M. until 11 P. M. in an entertainment for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The most interesting episode of the outdoor show will be an "over the top combat, duplicating as nearly as poible an attack made by American troops against the German trenches pany of coast artillery which will per-form this feature of the entertainment will pitch their brown tents upon the parade grounds where Robert E. Les fore the civil war. There will be a spe-

In the evening a military hop will end the martial day. A Quartermaster steamer of limited accommodation w eave the Battery for Fort Hamilton at 2, 3 and 7 P. M., returning at 3, 4 and 11 P. M. The fort, which is on Fort Hamilton Parkway. Brooklyn, can be reached also by motor car or by the new Fourth avenue subway, which connects with the Interborough subway at Atlan

SAFFORD MUST SERVE TERM

Conviction of Hotel Clerk in Tanser Case Upheld.

tic avenue.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday affirmed the consis-tion of Frank D. Safford, a hotel clerk. who was convicted of perjury. Safford identified James W. Osborne, former Assistant District Attorney, as the man Mr. Somers referred only briefly to the Plainfield, N. J., with Miss Rac Tanger as Oliver Osborne and wife Safford was sentenced to nine month in the penitentiary by Judge Learnal Hand in the Federal District Court. has been free under to 1

MORE INSANITY IN PRISGN

Ernest Sophia Taken to Asylum from Sing Sing.

With the removal yesterday of Ernest Sophia, one time New York cotten broker, from Sing Sing hospital to an irsane asylum, the prison attaches at Sophia, who recently out his throat

three more prisoners also went insance Syrian Relief Fund Gaining Subscriptions for the week ending Ma

received by the American Committee

for Armenian and Syrian Relief were \$351,237.87, Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer, announced yesterday. larger contributors were Mrs. F. King-bury Curtis, Joseph C. Baidwin, Jr., M. and Mrs. Julius Sachs and R. Fulte. truiting ditee on Naopodists to
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Schools and Sits. Junta Sands and the Cutting. Among the out of town gifts
were \$2,000 from the citizens of Los A
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Rurlington, Vt., and \$10,000 from the
Strong of New Bedford, Mass. SundaSchools contributed \$19,567. The Aschools contributed \$10,567. syrian Relief Committee gave \$5,000.